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LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

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FEARS THAT SHE WILL BECOME A TOTAL WRECK.

Turks and Germans Quarrel Over Transference of Troops.

FRENCH ATTACK IN THE WEST: GERMAN COMPANY DECIMATED.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph"]

THE NEW BRITISH ARMIES.

ALL SINGLE MEN CALLED UP.

February 14, 3.45 p.m.
A Proclamation has been issued calling up all single men.

THE BALKAN SITUATION.

FURTHER BRITISH REINFORCEMENTS AT SALONICA.

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BRITISH NAVAL DISASTER.

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The Admiralty announces that the cruiser Arethusa, commanded by Commodore R. Y. Tyrwhitt, has struck a mine on the East Coast, and it is feared that she will become a total wreck.

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The Arethusa, a light cruiser of 3,750 tons, built in 1914, has figured prominently in the war, having taken a conspicuous part in the action in Heligoland Bight on August 28, 1914. Prior to this action British submarines found that the island was being used as a base for a force of German cruisers and destroyers, and a plan for cutting them out and destroying them was therefore decided upon. A move was accordingly made to tempt the enemy's ships out, and this succeeded. The hostile destroyers which came out, in pursuit of our vessels were led on until they found themselves engaged with four other destroyers and the cruiser Arethusa. Cruisers came to the assistance of the German destroyers and soon the advanced section of the British force was hotly engaged. Our force comprised the Arethusa (Commodore Tyrwhitt), 19 destroyers of the 3rd Flotilla, the light cruiser Fearless and 17 destroyers of the 1st Flotilla. The bulk of the hostile vessels evaded action and left the brunt of the fight to the cruisers. These fought a strenuous action, and almost succeeded in destroying the Arethusa, reducing her speed from 30 knots to six knots and putting all her guns save one out of action. We lost no ships, but three German light cruisers and a destroyer were sunk.]

THE TURKISH DEFEAT IN THE CAUCASUS.

A LIVELY TURCO-GERMAN QUARREL.

February 14, 1.40 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Paris states that after the Turkish defeat in the Caucasus a lively discussion occurred in the War Council at Constantinople between Enver Pasha and the German Generals.

Enver Pasha insisted on the necessity of transferring to the Caucasus Turkish troops from Thrace and Bulgaria. The Germans, however, declared that it was essential to keep the Turkish troops at Thrace, as the Salonica Front was the most important.

THE NEAR EAST.

TURKISH FORCES FOR MESOPOTAMIA.

February 14, 4.50 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Athens says that formidable Turkish forces are proceeding towards Mesopotamia from the Dardanelles.

AN UNFOUNDED REPORT.

February 14, 4.50 p.m.
It is stated that the report concerning the injuries to Mr. Grahame-White is unfounded.

LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

A DISTRESSED ZEPPELIN.

AT THE MERCY OF THE WIND.

February 14, 4.50 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Copenhagen states that the Zeppelin L20 was observed on the 11th inst. over the island of Minoe flying very low and slowly. Her engines were evidently damaged.

The airship was steering towards the south, but a strong easterly breeze drove her westward.

AUSTRIA FOLLOWS GERMAN METHODS.

PRICELESS SIXTH CENTURY CHURCH DAMAGED.

February 14, 4.50 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Rome states that the Austrians at Ravenna damaged the priceless Sixth Century Byzantine Church of St. Apollinare.

His Holiness the Pope is most grieved, and has again appealed to the Emperor Francis Joseph to spare the church.

BOMBS DROPPED ON MILAN.

February 14, 5.00 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Milan states that enemy aeroplanes in the forenoon appeared there and were fusilladed by anti-aircraft guns. They were counter-attacked by Italian airmen, and the enemy retired after dropping some bombs. The material damage was slight. Six civilians were killed and some injured.

GERMAN LINERS IN NEUTRAL PORTS.

ADVISED TO DASH FOR LIBERTY.

February 14, 4.50 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at New York says it is reported that all German liners in neutral harbours have received the cue to dash for liberty whenever the opportunity occurs.

ENEMY TRADING.

WELL-KNOWN BUSINESS MEN SENTENCED.

February 14, 4.50 p.m.
William Gardner Rigden, William Towny Rigden and Stanley Rigden, partners in the well-known firm of Fownes, glove-makers, have been sentenced at the Old Bailey to a fine of \$500, together with 12 months' and four months' imprisonment in the second division respectively, for trading with the enemy.

THE PANAMA CANAL.

BETTER DEFENCES SUGGESTED.

February 14, 1.20 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Washington says the acquisition of more territory at both termini of the Panama Canal has been recommended to the War Department by Brigadier General Edwards in order to increase the range of defences to correspond with the increased range of modern guns.

THE CAPTURED ENEMY OFFICIALS.

February 14, 1.20 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd states that the Government has decided that the Turkish Ambassador who was captured near Kerodje shall be sent to Turkey. The Austrian Military Attaché has been sent to Russia as a prisoner of war.

ROUMANIA PREPARING.

MOBILISATION NOW COMPLETE.

February 14, 5.00 p.m.
A French wireless message states that the Roumanian mobilisation is complete with the calling up of one new Class. The Staff has completed both the Carpathian and Danube defences.

FRENCH ATTACK IN THE WEST.

A GERMAN COMPANY WIPE OUT.

February 14, 5.20 p.m.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Paris, a communiqué says that southward of the Somme the French made an attack at dusk on German works near Fricé and occupied some portions of the German trenches. A counter-attack was driven down by the French fire. The communiqué adds: "We surrounded a German Company, decimating it. The Captain and seventy survivors surrendered. We also took other prisoners and a number of machine-guns. The enemy's dead reached a considerable figure."

In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on Page 3.

WAR TELEGRAMS

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE ALLIES IN THE WEST.

February 14, 2.10 a.m.
A Paris communiqué says: "The Germans made a series of attacks in Artois, first in the morning west of Hill 140 without result, and in the afternoon after a violent bombardment they attacked at four different points. Three of the attacks were stopped dead by artillery and rifle fire. The fourth attack gained a footing in the first line trench west of Hill 140, but the Germans were immediately ejected by a counter-attack which inflicted heavy loss. A German aeroplane was shelled and fell in flames within our lines east of Givenchy. A German grenade attack south of Fricé failed. We bombarded enemy works east of the Oise. German artillery has been most active between Soissons and Reims where our artillery rendered abortive the infantry attacks which were being prepared. We took prisoners in a fight in Champagne. The enemy gained a footing in the advanced trenches east of Taboré. An enemy attack in Upper Aisne was crushed by our artillery."

THE RUSSIANS.

AN IMPORTANT VILLAGE CAPTURED.

February 14, 2.10 a.m.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd, a communiqué says: "There has been fierce artillery fighting in the Riga region. The Germans attempted an attack near Jacobstal, but the Russians rushed out of their trenches and repelled them. The Germans are using asphyxiating hand grenades in the Dvinak sector. The Russians captured, and held against counter-attacks, the village of Garbunovs which is important for the protection of Dvinak."

BIG CAPTURES IN THE CAUCASUS.

February 14, 2.10 a.m.
A Petrograd communiqué says the Russians in the Caucasus are advancing in deep snow with a temperature fifty below zero. They forced inaccessible passes near Erzerum and captured 800 prisoners, seven guns, and much booty. The bombardment of Erzerum continues effectively and it caused a great explosion in a fort. The Russians in Persia have occupied the town of Dulestab in the region of Hamadan.

GERMAN GUNBOAT SUNK.

February 14, 4.00 a.m.
An official message from Belgium states that the German gunboat Hedwig Wissmann has been sunk in a fight on Lake Tanganjika. Two Germans were killed and twenty-one were captured by the Anglo-Belgian flotilla, which sustained no losses.

BRITISH NAVAL PARTY IN RUSSIA.

February 14, 4.00 a.m.
The first number of the "Archangel Herald," the official organ of the R.N.A.S. Russian Expedition, has been received in England and shows that several hundred British naval men, composing automobile squadrons, commanded by Capt. Locker Lampson, M.P., arrived in Russia before Christmas. It contains a message of farewell from H.M. the King in reply to Capt. Locker Lampson, with a commentary by the latter mentioning that the force was recruited from all parts of the Empire, including South Africa. The recent casualty list testifies that it has already been in action.

THE LATEST GERMAN-AMERICAN CONTROVERSY.

February 14, 11.10 a.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Washington says that the State Department has received the text of Germany's submarine memorandum. Reuter's New York correspondent says the newspapers are of the opinion that President Wilson is involved in an intricate controversy as the result of the memorandum following Mr. Lansing's suggested disarmament of merchantmen. Officials of the State Department are quoted as expressing surprise at the assumption by the Press that the United States had accepted the proposal of Germany.

FRENCH MINISTERS AT THE ITALIAN FRONT.

February 14, 11.10 a.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Rome states that M. Briand and his colleagues dined with King Victor Emmanuel at Headquarters. They visited the Italian front, and departed for Paris in the evening.

TELEGRAMS.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

CONDENSED.

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The Report of the U.S. Department of Commerce says that Japanese manufacturers have captured the American cotton goods trade with China.

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DON'T FORGET.

TO-DAY.

Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.
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Friday, February 18.

Kowloon Land and Building Co.—Meeting of shareholders; noon.

Sanitary Board Election—4.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.

Saturday, February 19.

Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation—Meeting of shareholders; noon.

Munday, February 21.

The Races.

Tuesday, February 22.

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Wednesday, February 23.

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Friday, February 25.

China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co.—Meeting of shareholders; 11.30 a.m.

Boxing Competitions at the V.R.C.

Saturday, February 26.

The Races ("Off Day").

Thursday, March 2.

H.K. and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co.—Meeting of shareholders; 11.30 a.m.

GENERAL NEWS.

The "Dartmoor Shepherd" Again. At the "Liverpool" Sessions recently, David Davies, aged 74, the notorious "Dartmoor Shepherd," was sentenced to six months for theft from an off-duty box at a church in Liverpool.

Temperature Variations in Formosa.

In Taipei, Formosa, the temperature remained at about 30 degrees F. until the 23rd ultimo, when a sudden change came about and the temperature fell to 42 degrees. Snow fell to a depth of over an inch. It is stated that such a low temperature has not been recorded for over ten years.

A Chinese Amateur Detective.

Detective work by Louis Lee, a Chinese merchant in Philadelphia resulted in the arrest of John Fava, a negro, on a charge of having chloroformed the Chinaman's wife, Mrs. Florence Lee, and robbing her of several diamond rings. The merchant said he met a negro coming down the stairs before the discovery of the robbery on December 21. Since that time Lee has been on the look-out for him ever since. Accused was remanded.

Antiquity of the Safety Pin.

That the Hittites were in constant communication with other nations is shown by the fact that Egyptian scarabs and amulets, Phoenician pottery, and Greek terra cotta figures are found in the tombs of different periods. Bronze daggers and jewellery are fairly common, and I was shown a safety pin, three thousand years old, that would still work. Some Stone Age pottery, with the very ancient emblem of thunder, or of the weather god, was found in its original kiln. Correspondence of the Christian Herald.

Trouble in Haiti.

Port-au-Prince, Haiti, January 5.—A revolutionary outbreak occurred at two o'clock this morning at Port-au-Prince. The force of American marines maintained in this city was attacked. One of the rebels was killed by the Americans, who suffered no losses. Several groups of the insurrectionists moved on Grand Prevoit, and ran through the streets of the town discharging rifles. The Americans met them, and they were rapidly dispersed. The outbreak is generally condemned, and has been characterized as a piece of folly.

Lynchings in U.S. Last Year.

Montgomery, Ala., Jan. 1.—Lynchings in the United States in 1915 numbered 69, as recorded at Tuskegee Institute, and announced to-day. This was 17 more than in 1914. Georgia led the States with 18 lynchings. Mississippi was second with nine. Fifty-five persons lynched were negroes and 14 whites. The year before 49 were negroes and three whites. Three women were mob victims during 1915. In four instances, according to the Tuskegee records, innocent persons were put to death by mob. Lynching by States is given: Alabama, 9; Arkansas, 5; Florida, 5; Georgia, 18; Illinois, 1; Kentucky, 5; Louisiana, 2; Mississippi, 9; Missouri, 2; Ohio, 1; Oklahoma, 3; South Carolina, 1; Tennessee, 2; Texas, 5; Virginia, 1. Vancouver's Red Cross Record.

The Vancouver Central Red Cross depot has established a splendid record for the year 1915 and it is doubtful if any city of the size in Canada can show a better report. From Dec. 1, 1914, to date the central depot has shipped 1,583 cases, weighing approximately 111,000 pounds. The total number of garments is 1,019,403. When it is taken into consideration that a quantity of hospital supplies has also been shipped through other sources, such as the Daughters of the Empire, the public may grasp the extent of the Red Cross work in Vancouver. While no figures for comparison are obtainable for the whole year, reports up to the end of September showed that the total number of cases shipped from Canada was 13,482. Vancouver and its wards and outside branches had contributed one-eighteenth of this total.

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GENERAL NEWS.

A YEAR AGO TO-DAY.

LEADING EVENTS IN THE
GREAT WAR.

(Extracts from the war news contained in the "Hongkong Telegraph" of February 15, 1915.)

Silly German Threat Repeated.

Count Bernstorff, the German Ambassador to Washington, discussed with Mr. Bryan the seizure of the Wilhelmshaven cargo, repeated the threat to cut off British commerce in retaliation for Great Britain's attempt to starve the civil population of his country.

All Oats Seized in Germany.

The German Government has seized the stocks of oats in Germany and has increased the price fifty shillings a ton.

The Turk-Greek Incident.

A rupture of relations between Turkey and Greece, in consequence of the Attache incident, was narrowly averted. The Greek Minister announced his intention to leave Constantinople within twenty-four hours unless satisfaction was accorded. The Grand Vizier vaguely replied that the Porte would grant satisfaction, whereupon the Minister reiterated his intention to leave immediately unless the Grand Vizier gave a written assurance. The Grand Vizier promptly acceded.

Further German Warning to
Neutral Shipping.

A German Legation communiqué, issued to-night, reiterates the warning to neutral shipping, and adds new paragraph, which states:—As Great Britain says that she is justified in hoisting neutral flags, and moreover, according to a reliable source, British marines have been armed in order to destroy German submarines or ram them, these ships become war vessels. Germany, therefore, urgently warns all neutral ships entering the English or Irish coast waters after the 18th inst., that Germany will prosecute the war by all means in her power, and neutral ships will run the same risk as if they were steaming through sea-battles between England and Germany.

German Feeling against America. The American Note has greatly embarrassed the German Government, and it is reported that Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg is going to East Prussia to consult with the Kaiser. The anger of the German people against America is rising, and being energetically fanned by the Press. It is believed that the German reply will be apologetic, but will not guarantee the safety of American ships unless the American Government prohibits belligerents from flying the American flag.

German Version of the Air-raid. A Berlin communiqué states that hostile airmen have again bombarded the coast, causing heavy and deplorable damage to life and property. The communiqué also states that the Germans have discovered shells on the west front which are clearly of American make.

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BIRTH.
DONNELLY.—At Forbank East, 166 Peak, Hongkong, on the
13th February, 1916, the wife of D. E. Donnelly, of a son.

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HONGKONG, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1916.

THE GERMAN PRESS IN SHANGHAI

Last year some Germans in Shanghai, with more eye to dramatic effect than truth, elected to establish a tri-weekly organ entitled *The War*. Two or three samples have recently been passed on to us for our detection, and we find them—not quite so bad as they might have been. The paper is, indeed, an interesting mixture, containing articles that are frankly nothing more than sheer rubbish, and others (in most cases translated from German newspapers) by no means ill-written and calculated somewhat to appeal to a thoughtful reader—the whole comprising four small pages, plus a loose leaf of *Ostasiatische Lloyd* telegrams for the enlightenment of the Chinese mind. About certain of the specimens there is a very marked “hyphenated” touch, and we note that some of the articles are reprinted from American pro-German papers.

We will not bore our readers with lengthy quotations from *The War*. The following few lines form a fair example of the mental food which the Shanghai Germans are laying before Chinese who can read English (and, for that matter, for those who cannot, for our enemies are still occupied in circulating their “news” in Chinese). “How entirely justified the submarines are in sinking enemy craft is exemplified by the case of the P. and O. *as Kashgar*, which actually opened hostilities by firing on the U. boat immediately it was observed. No warning was given by the steamer. Who then, after this, will blame the U. boat if in their turn sink without warning what enemy vessels they meet?” As an instance of Teutonic logic this is not easily bettered. Had the argument been advanced twelve months ago it might have found listeners, but is there anyone to-day who does not know that, long before the arming of merchantmen was talked of, the Germans were busy sinking such craft—often not caring whether they were Allied or neutral ships; for the German with a torpedo is like a savage with a new knife: as irresponsible, as wanton and as heedless as to results. The quotation given amply illustrates what we might call the better class of reading matter supplied by our worthy contemporary; while, of the other sort, the following is not lacking in interest: “Twelve big merchant ships running into a German minefield at the mouth of the Thames were blown up in a single day, three weeks ago.”

The Great Central station in Leman Street, one of the big London terminals, was levelled in one of the Zeppelin raids. When we were last in London, the Great Central terminus was in the Marylebone Road, and Leman Street was out Whitechapel way, with a distance of somewhere about six miles between; but a Zeppelin capable of doing all this levelling could quite easily transport a mere railway terminus from west to east.

Accompanying these choice specimens of German journalism come some pamphlets which are being strewn about Shanghai; one published in New York and alleged to be written by an Irish-American, and another published in Vienna and penned by one Philipp Broch. The latter shows how entirely the financial and economic side of the war satisfies everybody in Austria, while the former is described as “The Greatest Hit in War Literature,” and is a bright little skit in question and answer form, which lies by suggestion rather well and amusingly, and which, by its ardent admiration for German “culture,” does not convince us that its author had much Irish blood in him. The best way to combat lies is by means of the truth, and one wonders if our Foreign Office is doing as much as it might do in regard to circulating the truth among the Chinese, in the vernacular. Shanghai British and French journalists are quite well able to take care of themselves over the making clear of the position for European readers; but the amount of information, for the Chinese in their own language, which our Government puts forth is as nothing compared with that circulated in Shanghai. Captain and the interior by the Germans. Could not this matter be attended to?

Street Cases.

A Chinese hawker who was charged at the Police Court yesterday with crying his wares in a prohibited street did not seek to hide the fact that he had once previously been before the magistrate for a similar offence, but he was at some pains to point out that on that occasion the breach of the Colony's bye-laws took place in a totally different thoroughfare. Needless to say, that did not constitute a sufficient argument in the opinion of the magistrate to let him off. The excuse, if it can be called one, was most probably inspired by the defendant's determination to at any rate say something in extenuation, crude though his effort was. But it does serve to point the desirability of the authorities making it plainer than at present which streets are within the prohibited area and which are not. By doing that, a point would be gained in the suppression of the evil, since the public would then be able to act with some measure of certainty when they encounter these noisy individuals. At Home the custom is for the Municipality to erect street signs stating that “The crying of wares in this thoroughfare is strictly prohibited: offenders will be prosecuted.” Why cannot Hongkong follow suit?

Grahame White.

The absurd and malicious stories which have been circulating for some months past concerning the fate of Mr. Grahame White, the famous aviator, have surely now been set at rest. Some months ago the most circumstantial accounts were bruited about at Home of his having come to a rather ignominious end, but two items which we published yesterday proved how utterly untrue the rumours were. In the one case he is named as recently as a month ago in connection with certain proceedings brought by his wife, and in the other comes the news that he has been severely wounded while helping his country at the Front. This latest information takes us up to two days ago, which should be sufficient to remove any element of doubt as to his continued existence. He has won great fame as an aviator, and his many admirers harbour the hope that he will be spared to do yet further service on behalf of his country in the realm which he has made his own. Since the above was written, a telegram has arrived to the effect that the report of the famous aviator having been wounded is unfounded, but this news does not affect the main point which we have made—that he is still alive.

St. Valentine's Day.

The well-known saying that old customs die hard never applied more fully to any of the fast-dying customs than that of St. Valentine's Day, which fell due yesterday. It seems a great pity that this should be so, yet one has only to review many of the familiar observances to realize, with a pang of regret, that the push and strife of the present generation are fast casting them. For struggle as the older folks will to keep them fresh, they are ruthlessly cast aside, and no doubt a few more years will see their complete demise. Indeed, if one half of the people of to-day were asked who Saint Valentine was, they would probably not be able to answer, the name to them only signifying, so far as they can express their hazy ideas, the exchange of greetings between friends of long association. But those of mature years still cling with the same degree of pleasure to the anniversary, and still believe that St. Valentine was a bishop who suffered martyrdom under Claudius II. at Rome, or, according to others, under Aurelian in 271 A.D., on February 14. The old idea was that birds began to mate on this day; hence the practice, in days gone by, of young people choosing their “valentines” by sending missives of an amatory or satirical nature, generally anonymously. Neither do the younger people know that the day is, or was, only observed in Great Britain, or that a similar custom once prevailed in France on the first Sunday in Lent.

DAY BY DAY

A FOOL MUST NOW AND THEN BE
RIGHT BY CHANCE. —Copper

The Weather.
At the Peak 8 a.m. Temp. 47;
clear.

Lower level 8 a.m. Temp. 58;
clear.

The Mails.

American, Canadian and Siberian
Mails.—Closed per a.s. Tung
Maru at 11 a.m. to-day.

Canadian, American and U. K.
Mails.—Closed per a.s. Chi-
ago Maru at 1 p.m. to-
day.

Siberian Mail.—Closed per a.s.
Yingchow at 3 p.m. to-day.

Australian Mail.—Closed per a.s.
Aki Maru at 3 p.m. to-day.

American, Canadian and Siberian
Mails.—Close per a.s. Mon-
teagle at 10.30 a.m. to-mor-
row.

The Dollar.
The rate of the dollar on
demand to-day is 1/11.

To-morrow's Anniversary.
To-morrow is the 15th anniversary
of the execution of Boxer
Leaders at Hankow.

Departed.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Craddock
and Miss Craddock left by the a.s.
Mongara to-day.

On Leave.

Mr. G. W. Jeffries, of the
Hongkong Observatory, left for
South Africa on leave yesterday.

For Home.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Blackburn
and Mrs. H. E. Stevens left for
Home by the a.s. Mongara to-day.

Street Obstructions.

No less than 52 summonses for
obstruction were heard by Mr. J.
R. Wood at the Police Court to-
day. Various fines were imposed
U. S. Consul.

Mr. T. Sammons, U. S. Consul
General at Shanghai, left for the
North by the Tung Maru to-day,
being accompanied by Mrs. Sam-
mons.

French Consul Leaves.

M. Liebert, who has been
appointed French Consul General
at New York, left to-day by the
Tung Maru, being accompanied
by his two daughters.

To Consignees.

Consignees of cargo by the
steamers Moatzie, Tung Maru
and Kansai are reminded that
goods remaining undelivered after
tomorrow will be subject to stor-
age charges.

Death Enquiry.

An enquiry into the circum-
stances attending the death of the
Chief Officer of the a.s. Linan,
Mr. Shepherd, which took place
suddenly in his cabin recently,
will be held by Mr. Hazelton, at
the Police Court on Friday, at
2.15 p.m.

No Bond.

At the Police Court this morn-
ing, before Mr. Hazelton, Police
Sergeant Davies, of Yaumati,
charged a launch owner, named
Lan Fa, of 34, Temple Street,
Yaumati, for that he, being the
owner of the launch Kwong Kini,
paying for hire between Castle
Peak Bay and Yaumati, had not
entered into a bond as required
by Ordinance. Defendant was
fined \$100.

Trespassing in the Post Office.

A Chinese was charged before
Mr. J. R. Wood this morning
with trespassing in the General
Post Office, at 10.10 p.m. yester-
day. It was stated by Mr. J.
Martin, Supervisor of Mails, that
the defendant was found in the
first Assistant Auditor's Office,
with a friend. It transpired that
the friend was employed in the
office and at the time was engaged
in cleaning out the grate—work
which should have been finished
long before. A fine of \$2 was
imposed.

Absentee Gamblers.

Charged with gambling at 10,
Lyndhurst Terrace, yesterday,
two men and nine women were
brought before Mr. J. R. Wood
at the Court this morning. Two
of the defendants were also
charged with keeping the house
for gaming purposes. Defendants
did not appear and their bail
were ordered to be arrested.
The two charged with keeping the
house had been let out on bail of
\$50 each, and all the others were
on bail in \$10 each—a total of
\$120.

NOTES ON THE CRISIS

FUTILE GERMAN EFFORTS.

More Troops for Britain.

The proclamation has been
issued which calls to the colours
the remainder of Lord Derby's
groups of unmarried men, together
with those compulsorily enlisted
under the Military Act. Yesterday
Reuter understood that only a
small percentage of recruits had
been obtained by the calling up
of the first four groups, and
further, that the lists of exempted
men were to be revised. When
once we have been deceived in
this, it will be all the better if the
local papers publishes a story
to the effect that a traveller
who had the appearance of
a countryman was walking along
the Bund towards the store of the
Simeone Co. He passed a group
of men who were talking noisily
and as he did so, he felt a hand
in his pocket. He thought little
of it, knowing that a pickpocket
would find nothing in that pocket,
but a little later he put his own
hand in and discovered a letter ad-
dressed to Mr. Chan Hop-wan, from
a Mr. Lee in Macao. On opening
the strange missive, he found it
contained instructions concerning
the transfer of bombs to Carlton.
Realizing his danger, the man
went to a safe place at once and
burned the fake letter. After a
few minutes he was accosted by a
spy who searched his person, but
found nothing, of course. Had
that letter been found he would
have received scant mercy. It is
also alleged that these disreputable
spies are in the habit of throwing
into the street purses containing
damaging letters and papers.
Then they watch to see who picks
up the purse and arrest him at
once. The case is clear, for the
unfortunate is taken with the
goods on him. Another fine way
to get rid of an enemy is to send
him an unsigned letter containing
unlawful messages and then
inform the censor of the coming
mail matter. It works beautifully.

A Distinguishing Mark Needed.

As we have said a score of
times, conscription is opposed to
British custom and habit of
thought, but if we needs must
have it—and it is the disloyalists
whom we have to thank—let us
at least handle the matter in a
dignified manner and not leave it
so that the very men who were
the cause of the introduction of
the compulsory system can still
escape. That is what “exemption”
has done for us up to the
present. We hope, too, for
the sake of the brave
fellow who required neither
coaxing nor force, and who, for
considerably more than a year,
have been bearing their country's
burden in the trenches, that there
will be some means of marking
off the volunteers from the
present men. We know exactly the
type of man who has gone to swell this
latter noble band; and when the
war is over, unless some effective
spoke is put in his wheel, we
know that he will be swaggering
round, fighting his battles over
again and gaily forgetting the
fact that he had to be kicked into
the field. All conscripts should
be made to wear a distinguishing
badge.

A Useless Resistance.

If we are to believe the wires
from the Western and Eastern
fronts, the general abstinency
of the enemy's tactics and efforts
is daily a little more pronounced.
On the French front, in Russia,
and in the Caucasus these wonder-
fully planned sallies, combined
attacks, etc., etc. have been turned
back by the Allies, one after
another, more often than not at a
fearful expense to Germany,
Austria or Turkey. Even the
asphyxiating gas that the German
mind so loves and leaves on does
not seem to have been very effective
against the Russians at
Dvinsk. Presently it will begin
to occur to the enemy that, even
if we are to be condemned to an
interminable hide-and-seek trench
war, it is worse for him than for
us; that we can now replace men
and munitions more quickly and
on a wider scale than he; and that,
while we are free from dis-
content at home, his own territory
swarms with it. How much longer
can or will the Turks attempt to
carry on their futile operations in
Asia? They must surely know
that, however promising things
may have looked for them and
their German allies a few months
ago, their chance of scoring has
now gone by, and that the future
has nothing but increasing defeat
in store for them.

CANTON NEWS.

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Sharp Practices of Detectives.

Canton, February 12.

It is well-known that the spies
employed by the Government are
paid and promoted according to
the number of “revolutionaries”
they succeed in finding. Hence
we are not to be surprised to hear
they are not over scrupulous in
their efforts to apprehend these
people, sometimes manufacturing
evidence against totally innocent
persons for the sake of the reward
they will receive. One of the local
papers publishes a story to the
effect that a traveller who had
been walking along the Bund towards
the store of the Simeone Co. He
passed a group of men who were talking
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him an unsigned letter containing
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inform the censor of the coming
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Taken as a whole, the punies give
remarkable promise; yet one or
two, it can easily be discerned,
would be all the better if the
Horses were not due for another
fortnight or so. It is not that they
have been under-trained; they
have been trained as well as they
could possibly be in the time at
the disposal of their owners, but,
nevertheless, with a little extra
grace, there is not the slightest
shadow of doubt they would show
even greater improvement.

Under the judicious handling
of the jockeys during the remain-
ing week, it is expected the
animal will show better form all
round, and it was particularly
noticeable this morning, and
gratifying too, to observe how well
the ponies answered to their new
riders. Johnstone rode the most
ponies, and his reputable style
meets with the approval of almost
everybody. Stewart and Vida
were also on the course, and they
too gave much satisfaction. We
append some of the times taken:—

Nipper (Johnstone), 1 mile;

1.38.0, 1.15.2, 2.22.2.

Matabel (Bord), 1 mile;

0.38.4, 1.13.4, 1.40.2.

Mascotte, 1 mile; 0.38.2, 1.10.0,

1.42.0.

Peace, 1½ miles; 0.38.9, 1.12.3,

1.47.2, 2.22.3, 2.57.0, 3.23.1.

Pingwa Chief (Seward), 1½ miles;</p

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THE BLOCKADE OF GERMANY

HAS IT FAILED?

February 14, 12.15 p.m.
According to the *Daily Mail*, the Commissioner for Holland asserts that British efforts to prevent commodities from entering Germany have failed. He cites the case of butter, of which Great Britain obtained 2,456 tons in 1915, compared with 7,940 tons in 1913, while Germany obtained 36,515 tons, compared with 19,023 tons.

GERMAN TROOPS FOR TURKEY.

BIG MOVEMENT OF MEN.

February 12, 12.15 p.m.
The Times correspondent at Brest states that 25,000 German troops have arrived at Rostchuk and have proceeded to Shumla, probably en route to Turkey.

THE CANADIAN OUTRAGES.

AN ASSURANCE FROM AMERICA.

February 14, 12.15 p.m.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Ottawa, replying in the House of Commons to a demand that precautions should be taken on the frontier in view of the revelations made in the San Francisco German dynamite plots, the Minister of Marine said that every precaution was being taken. The Government had received an assurance that the Washington Government would not permit the United States to be made a base for attacks on Canada.

THE "AMIRAL CHARNER."

LOSS OF FRENCH AUXILIARY CRUISER CONFIRMED.

February 14, 5.30 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Paris states that the loss of the French auxiliary cruiser *Amiral Charner* is confirmed. A raft has been picked up off the coast of Syria, with fifteen seamen on it. Only one was alive. He stated that the cruiser was torpedoed on the 8th instant and sank in a few minutes. They were unable to launch their boats.

ANOTHER OUTRAGE IN AMERICA.

FIRE IN MUNITIONS WORKS.

February 14, 7.20 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at New York states that the great munitions plant of the General Electric Company at Schenectady, New York, has been wrecked by fire. The origin is not at present known.

DAMAGE NOT SERIOUS.

February 14, 11.10 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at New York states that only a small building was burned at Schenectady.

THE AIR-RAID ON MILAN.

February 14, 11.10 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Milan states that eight people were killed and sixty injured in the raid by enemy aeroplanes.

RUSSIAN PROGRESS.

ERZERUM FORT CAPTURED.

February 14, 11.10 p.m.
A Petrograd communiqué says—We captured the Erzerum fort, in which an explosion has already been reported, taking many prisoners, six guns and quantities of munitions.

THE FIGHTING IN THE WEST.

FURIOUS BATTLE IN ALSACE.

February 14, 6.00 p.m.
A Paris communiqué states—In Champagne, during the course of a German attack to the east of Turenne-Sommeys road, we exploded three mines under the enemy in our advanced elements. His attempts to advance on our support trenches completely failed, but notwithstanding the serious German losses by mines and artillery, the Germans remained in the advanced elements.

In a furious artillery battle in Alsace, the German infantry took 200 yards of trenches, but an immediate counter-attack regained most of the ground.

TRADE ENQUIRY LIST.

Trade Inquiry List No. 53 issued by the American Consulate General, Hongkong, shows that Hongkong merchants are invited to correspond with American concerns seeking Hongkong connections as listed below—

Cochineal.—The W. K. Jahn Company, Inc., of No. 130 North Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois, is in the market for cochineal and invites correspondence.

Concentrated Flavours—Messrs. Fries and Fries of No. 121-123 W. Third Street, Cincinnati, Ohio, offer a line of concentrated flavouring materials for the use of bakers, confectioners, and aerated water manufacturers and seek an Hongkong agent.

Export and Import.—The Smythfield Export Company of 1216-20 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, desires to establish connections in Hongkong in the general export and import line and offers exceptional facilities and support for its undertakings.

Malt extract.—The Eisen-Mendelson Company of 90 West Street, New York City, desire an Hongkong agent for its Hoff's Malt Extract and invites correspondence.

Rattan.—The Philippine Hardwood Lumber Company of No. 718 Story Building, Los Angeles, California, is in the market for regular shipments of rattan and invites quotations. Details as to sizes and requirements can be had at the Consulate General.

Perfume, Toilet Soaps, Etc.—The California Perfume Company of No. 17 Battery Place, New York City, seeks an Hongkong agent for the introduction of its line of perfumes, toilet soaps and toilet waters and similar goods and invites correspondence.

Cold, Massage and Peroxide Creams.—The General Products Company of 390 Audubon Avenue, New York City, seeks Hongkong representation for the introduction of its line of cold creams, massage creams and peroxide creams, particularly seeking connection with firms now dealing in such goods.

Resident Dry Goods Buyer.—Mr. Albert A. Lewis of the Levis-Zekoski Mercantile Co., of Room 728, 621 Broadway, New York City, seeks Hongkong connections to act as resident buyer for retail dry goods houses and invites correspondence.

Automobile Specialties.—The Morgan Manufacturing Company, of Newport, Rhode Island, seeks an Hongkong agent for its line of automobile specialties including small parts, pump appliances, small tools and fittings and brass and metal polishes.

Pipe Wrenches.—The Cochran Pipe Wrench Manufacturing Company of 78th Street and Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, offers its line of pipe wrenches and similar tools and drop forging, die sinking and similar work to the Hongkong market.

Rice.—Messrs. Berndt and Co., of Pratt and Gay Streets, Baltimore, Maryland, are in the market for rice and desire Hongkong connections.

Peanuts.—Messrs. Habicht, Braun and Company of No. 109-111 West Ohio Street, Chicago, Illinois, are in the market for high grade peanuts, especially so called reseasoned peanuts, in qualities running 30 to 31 to the ounce and from 25 to 28 to the ounce. They invite samples and quotations.

Essential oils, etc.—Messrs. Talbot and Company of No. 24-26 Stone Street, New York City, are in the market for wood oil and other essential oils, gum copal, and Indigo paste. They invite quotations and samples.

Vehicle wood stock and parts—Crane and MacMahon, Inc., of No. 8-10 Bridge Street, New York City, offer their line of vehicle wood stock and vehicle parts and invite correspondence.

Electrical goods and general export.—Snow's U. S. Express Company, Limited, of No. 17 Battery Place, New York City, seeks an Hongkong agent for its line of electrical goods and also connections in the general import and export business.

Match making wood and machinery.—The American Splint Corporation of No. 141 Broadway, New York City, seeks Hongkong connections for the sale of match wood in any form and for the introduction of modern match making machinery.

THE SITUATION IN CHINA.

Is Ex-Viceroy Shum in Yunnan?

Though we have no further telegraphic news of the Chinese rebellion since our Reuter wire of Saturday, there is a popular belief in the Colony that the success of the revolution party continues and, further, that Tsen Chun-huan, better known in Hongkong as Ex-Viceroy Shum, has contrived to reach Yunnan and if it is now understood that the 2nd and 4th defendants—

Detective Sergeant Wills, who prosecuted, said that on January 25 the third defendant went from Canton in August, 1915, to Mongkok to arrange about the building of another boat. When he got to the building yard he met another man who invited him to have a meal with him. He had the meal and, being joined by other men, they stayed conversing, with the result that he was still there at 9 o'clock at night. The first defendant then asked him to go with him and get some thing from an unoccupied boat in Yunnan Bay, and, getting into a small boat, they did with the other persons—probably the 2nd and 4th defendants—go to the boat and take the articles. Just as they were leaving the boat the complainant, a woman, was returning in her small boat, and, on seeing the men leaving, called out to them. She could not catch them and on getting back to the boat found that she had been robbed of practically everything. She reported the matter to the police, with the result that the defendants were arrested. The third defendant was only a boy and he had apparently been dragged into the affair. He would be turning King's evidence and he (Sergeant Wills) would ask for the charge against him to be withdrawn. Some of the articles had been recovered from the pawnshop.

His Worship discharged the third defendant.

Evidence was then taken.

The case is proceeding.

WAR LECTURE.

How the Struggle is Viewed by Catholics.

In connection with the St. Joseph's College Association, the Rev. Father Tompkins, S. J., delivered a lecture in the College Hall last evening to a large attendance of members. The chair was occupied by Bishop Pozzoni.

Father Tompkins had, as his subject "The European War from the Catholic Point of View," and he reviewed the whole subject in an interesting manner. Dealing with the causes of the war, he said that it was not brought about by the failure of Christianity, as some people seemed to think, but was due to the failure to comply with those principles laid down by the Christian creed. When people gave way to the love of power and money, and became greedy, it was that which brought about wars. Those were not Christian principles, and it could not be said that the war showed the failure of Christianity. In the course of his remarks, he commented on and explained the Pope's view of the war, dealing with the matter in a most lucid manner.

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THEFT FROM A BOAT.

Boy Defendant Turns King's Evidence.

Four Chinese stood in the dock this afternoon at the Police Court, before Mr. Hasland, charged with being concerned together in stealing a quantity of money, jewellery and clothing from a boat in Yunnan Bay of the total value of \$90.50. Mr. E. M. Terer represented the second defendant.

Detective Sergeant Wills, who prosecuted, said that on January 25 the third defendant went from Canton in August, 1915, to Mongkok to arrange about the building of another boat. When he got to the building yard he met another man who invited him to have a meal with him. He had the meal and, being joined by other men, they stayed conversing, with the result that he was still there at 9 o'clock at night. The first defendant then asked him to go with him and get some thing from an unoccupied boat in Yunnan Bay, and, getting into a small boat, they did with the other persons—probably the 2nd and 4th defendants—go to the boat and take the articles. Just as they were leaving the boat the complainant, a woman, was returning in her small boat, and, on seeing the men leaving, called out to them. She could not catch them and on getting back to the boat found that she had been robbed of practically everything. She reported the matter to the police, with the result that the defendants were arrested. The third defendant was only a boy and he had apparently been dragged into the affair. He would be turning King's evidence and he (Sergeant Wills) would ask for the charge against him to be withdrawn. Some of the articles had been recovered from the pawnshop.

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A SHOP COOLIE'S APPOINTMENT.

American Immigrant Restrictions A Bar.

In the Summary Court this afternoon, before Mr. Justice Gomperts, a shop coolie named Tong Lin sued a merchant, of 56, Jervois Street, for the return of \$150, the amount due in respect of an arrangement made on December 14 last, or, in the alternative, for money lent.

He also sued the Tseng Yung firm, and Cheung Yung Sang for \$500 paid by the plaintiff in respect of a certificate for entry into America, which defendants undertook to provide.

The plaintiff was represented by Mr. P. W. Goldring, and Mr. C. F. Mason appeared on behalf of the defendants.

In opening the case, Mr. Goldring said that there had been a special defence which had been filed for some time, to the effect that the whole thing was illegal. The case hinged on the fact of plaintiff securing a position of manager of a big house in San Francisco, and he wanted to get a certificate of immigration into America.

After further facts had been offered by Mr. Goldring, His Lordship asked if the power of attorney was bogus, or how was he to know whether it was bogus or fake?

Mr. Goldring—He simply asked if he could get a certificate so that he could go into America.

Mr. Mason—It is impossible for him to do so, and it is impossible for him to get a certificate.

His Lordship—The whole point is whether it was simply illegality, or whether it was a compact constituting a fraud on the American Government.

After further argument, the case was adjourned.

PROSECUTION OF LUKONG FAIS.

A Chinese lukong was charged before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Police Court this afternoon with the larceny of a bed quilt. He was also charged on two counts with misconduct.

Defendant was represented by Mr. E. J. Groat.

It was stated by a ricksha coolie that when he returned to his house on the night of February 2, he saw the defendant carrying away his quilt.

Defendant's story was that he went into the house because he was told that a man who had been banished had returned and was staying there. While he was in the house, he was seized and accused of stealing the quilt.

It was stated that the misconduct consisted of entering the house without a warrant, but His Worship said that he did not intend to take any notice of those charges. Defendant had had seven years' service in the force. Accused was discharged.

H. K. C. C. TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

The annual tennis tournament of the Hongkong Cricket Club has been fixed to commence on March 1, entries for which close on February 26. So far entries are coming in fairly well and the tournament promises to be every bit as successful as those of previous years. A new feature this year is a Veterans' Handicap Doubles, which is to be open for members of the Club who are over forty years and who have resided in the East for ten years. All the other usual events are being held.

THE ROYAL MINT.

The summary of the operations of the Royal Mint during the last three years, shows that 203,572,642 pieces were struck for the United Kingdom and 3,060,000 for the Colonies in 1915, compared with 183,445,180 and 25,417,000 respectively in 1914.

DEPARTED.

Per Mr. Aki Maru from Hongkong on Feb. 15th—

Adams M. E. D. Lederman M.
Aljandro M. V. M. Lomas M.
Allen M. Lowder M. M. G. D.
Baldwin M. G. F. Macmillan M. F.
Ballister M. M. Morris M. E.
Bastable M. & Mrs. Ottani M. and Mrs.
Blair M. & Mrs. Orooco M. N. T.
Carton Miss E. M. Pearce Rev. T. W.
Fong See Tak M. Preston Mrs.
Hawthorn Rev. & Mrs. Preston Miss.
Higgibotham M. & Mrs. Sandys M. and Mrs.
Hong Kee Mr. Tobin Mr. E. J.
Hoshino Mr. H. Toda S.
James Bro. James Bro.
Lojima Mr. M. Tokuo Father.
Yabes Mrs. S.

WEATHER REPORT.

On the 15th at 10.45—A general decrease of pressure is shown over the western portion of the map, except over Borneo where it has increased slightly. No return from Japanese stations.

The anticyclone has weakened, and a depression has formed over Tongking.

Moderate to fresh easterly and south-easterly winds may be expected over the western portion of the China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District Forecast
1 Hongkong to Gap Rock E. wind fresh
2 Formosa Channel N.E. wind fresh
3 South coast of China between H.K. and Lantau J. as No. 1.
4 South coast of China between H.K. and Hainan J. as No. 1.

T. F. CLAXTON, Director, Hongkong Observatory, February 15.

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.
The P. & O. S. NANKIN left Singapore for this Port on the 12th instant and will be in the outward English Main and in one here on the 30th inst. at about 4 p.m.

NOTICES.

Yorkshire Insurance Co., Ltd.
ESTABLISHED 1884.

The Undersigned AGENTS for the above Company are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.
SHEWAN, TOME'S & CO.
AGENTS.

NOMURA BROS.
HAIR DRESSING SALOON.
16 Queen's Road, Central.
Opposite the Hongkong Hotel Building.
Electric Face Massage
A Specialty.

YAMCHOW POTTERY.

Before the beginning of the pottery period ("Sing") China produced a kind of earthenware of which that from Yamchow was the most celebrated. From this was developed the porcelain which the first Dutch sailing ships took home from Canton and which led to the manufacture of Delft ware in Europe.

Yamchow ware has remained all these centuries the same as when it was first produced, the same families making it, and using the same primitive means of manufacture. It is justly held in high esteem by Chinese connoisseurs on account of its artistic shapes and the dainty drawings with which it is decorated. A collection is now on view at Messrs. Komor and Komor's Art School, where specimens can be obtained at prices which will appear ridiculously cheap compared with other pottery of equal excellence.

SWEDEN AND WOOD PULP.

Now that most countries are organizing their forces in order to enlarge their export trade when the war is over, it is natural that the Chambers of Commerce should play a large part in the endeavour, and many have been the publications issued setting forth the particular merits of the various countries' products. We have just received an excellently produced little journal published by the Swedish Chamber of Commerce in London dealing almost exclusively with the production of wood pulp. The importance of this trade to Sweden is well known, and in the booklet to hand the subject is fully reviewed and the country's vast resources and producing capacity emphasised. Several excellent illustrations add interest to the number. The issuing of this production should do much to bring home to consumers of paper their indebtedness to Sweden for her pioneer work in paper-making from wood pulp.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

GEO. P. LAMMERT.

AUCTIONEER, SHARE & GENERAL BROKER.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from the Liquidators of Messrs. F. Blackhead & Co. to sell by Public auction on WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY the 16th, 17th 18th & 19th February 1916 commencing each day at 11 a.m. (and subsequent dates which will be notified later) at Messrs. F. Blackhead & Co.'s Store, Ice House Road.

A Large Quantity of Ship-chandler's Stores, etc., etc. comprising:

Brass check, angle and globe valves, brass elbows, tees, nipples, coupling and unions, brass and iron screws and split pins, iron and wooden blocks, engineers' and carpenters' tools, assorted files and twist drills, engine packing, ironware for ship use, canvas, rubber and armoured hose, belting, paint, varnish and enamel, rubber sheeting and insulation, cooking stoves and utensils.

etc. etc. etc.

Also
1 Detachable motor, 2½ H.P.
and
1 American Safe.
On view from Monday, the 14th February 1916.
Catalogue will be issued.
Terms: Cash on delivery.
GEO. P. LAMMERT.
Auctioneer.

NOTICES.

North British & Mercantile Insurance Company.
in which are vested the shares of
THE OCEAN MARINE INSURANCE
CO. LTD.

THE RAILWAY PASSENGERS AS-
SURANCE COMPANY.
TOTAL FUNDS AT 31st DECEMBER 1914 £23,576.57

Autonised Capital £20,000.00
Subscribed Capital £10,000.00

Paid-up Capital £ 2,437.40

II—Fire Funds £ 3,974.47

II—Life and Annuity Funds 17,571.50

Sinking Fund Account £ 1,239

£23,576.57

Revenue Fire Branch £ 438.556

Life and Annuity Branches £ 2,141.593

Marine Department 337.239

Other Receipts 473.340

£5,339.728

The Accumulative Funds of the various Branches are separately invested and by Act of Parliament are set aside to meet the claims under the respective Departments of the Company's business.

NOTICE

I have this day commenced business as Merchant and Commission Agent under the firm name of **FRANK SMITH & CO.** at No. 6 Des Vaux Road Central, Hongkong.

F. H. SMITH.

Hongkong, 11th February, 1916.

Australian Mail.

POST OFFICE.

Correspondence addressed to enemy subjects in China, Siam, Persia and Morocco cannot be transmitted.

The Services to Germany, Austria, and the Ottoman Empire are suspended.

Ships in communication with Cape D'Agulha Radio Telegraph Station—

Salamis **Fulvia**
Tyson **Glenorgan**
Cima **Montara**

MAILS DUE.

Shanghai, Chefoo 14th Feb.
Shanghai, Andre Lebou 18th Feb.
Australia, Adyana 19th Feb.
Australia, St. Albans, 20th Feb.

MAILS CLOSE TO-MORROW.

Swatow, Amoy, Fuzhou via Taku and Amoy—Per SO-SHU MAE, 16th Feb. 9 a.m.
Shanghai, North China, and Japan via Moi, Victoria, B.C., Vancouver & United States via Canada; Europe via Siberia & C. & M.—Per MONTEAGLE, 16th Feb. 10.30 a.m.
(Shanghai Br. P.O. Saturday, 19th Feb.)
Shanghai & N. China—Per WOSANG, 16th Feb. 5 p.m.
Wei-hai-wei & Tsin-pan—Per CHI-PING, 16th Feb. 5 p.m.

TEURSDAY, 17th Feb.

Hoi-hew, Pak-ho & Haipong—Per SUNG-KIANG, 17th Feb. 9 a.m.
Hoi-hew & Haipong—Per HONGKONG, 17th Feb. 11 a.m.

Siberian Mail: Shanghai & N. China (Europe via Siberia)—Per SHAN-TUNG, 17th Feb. 3 p.m.

FRIDAY, 18th Feb.

Swatow, Amoy & Foochow—Per HAI-HONG, 18th Feb. 1 p.m.

SATURDAY, 19th Feb.

Hoi-hew & Haipong—Per LOK-SANG, 19th Feb. 7 a.m.
Sai-koon, Straits, Burma, Ceylon, Adelaid, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt & Europe—Per ANDRE-LEBON, 19th Feb. 4 p.m.
Wei-hai-wei & Tsin-pan—Per HUICHOE, 19th Feb. 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, 20th Feb.

Swatow, Amoy & Fuzhou via Taku—Per KAIUO M. 20th Feb. 9 a.m.

THURSDAY, 24th Feb.

Strait, Burma, Ceylon, Adelaid, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt & Europe—Per N AMUR, 24th Feb. 4 p.m.

MONDAY, 28th Feb.

Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand, via Port Darwin, and New Guinea & Timor via TAI-YUAN, 28th Feb. 11 a.m.

F. H. SMITH.

Hongkong, 11th February, 1916.

TIDE TABLE.

From 14th to 20th Feb., 1916.

Low Water, High Water.

Barometer, Temperature, Humidity.

Wind Direction, Force.

Weather, Rain.

Clouds, &c.

Sea Level.

Sea Level.